



AN ACT REVISING THE COMPOSITION OF THE MONTANA MINT COMMITTEE; REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED MEMBERS; CHANGING THE TERMS OF OFFICE; CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS OF HOW THE COMMITTEE IS CONVENED; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3006 AND 80-11-405, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 2-15-3006, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-3006. Montana mint committee -- composition -- allocation. (1) There is a Montana mint committee composed of ~~six~~ at least four and not more than six members. The members include the director of the department of agriculture and ~~five~~ at least three and not more than five members appointed by the governor.

(2) ~~Each of the five appointed members~~ member must be a citizen of Montana who is actively involved in the growing of mint in this state, and one of the appointed members must be a member of or otherwise represent the mint industry research council. The qualifications of members must continue during their terms of office.

(3) A list of nominees for appointment must be submitted to the governor by Montana associations representing mint growers. Names of nominees must be submitted at least 91 days before the expiration of a committee member's term. The governor shall appoint members from among the persons nominated.

(4) Appointed members shall serve ~~staggered~~ terms of ~~3~~ 4 years. ~~Initial appointment must be as follows:~~

- ~~(a) one member for a 1-year term;~~
- ~~(b) two members for 2-year terms; and~~
- ~~(c) two members for a 3-year term.~~

(5) The committee is allocated to the department of agriculture for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."

Section 2. Section 80-11-405, MCA, is amended to read:

"80-11-405. Election of ~~chairman~~ presiding officer -- time of meetings. At the first meeting of the committee, it shall elect a ~~chairman~~ presiding officer from among its members. The committee ~~shall~~ may meet at least once annually at the request of the department of agriculture and at such other times as called by the ~~chairman~~ presiding officer or by any ~~three~~ two members of the committee."

Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0100, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

HOUSE BILL NO. 100
INTRODUCED BY C. STEENSON
BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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